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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernard Belleau et al.

Examiner: T. McKenzie

Serial No.: 09/760,380

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Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING SUBSTITUTED 1,3-OXATHIOLANES

WITH ANTIVIRAL PROPERTIES

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.